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COMBINATION OF *RED* AND
GREEN KRYPTONITE! WHY
DON'T THE RAYS AFFECT YOU
IN SOME TERRIBLE WAY?

BRAINIAC
DOESN'T KNOW IT,
BUT THE RED-GREEN
RAYS HAVE *ALREADY*
AFFECTED ME IN THE
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WAY POSSIBLE! BUT
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SUPERMAN

REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

YOU'VE ALL SEEN **SUPERMAN** WEAKENED BY **GREEN KRYPTONITE**. AND YOU'VE SURELY SEEN HIM AFFECTED BY **RED KRYPTONITE**-- THE MYSTERIOUS SUBSTANCE WHICH ALWAYS HAS AN UNEXPECTED EFFECT ON HIM! WELL, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN ARCH FIEND FROM OUTER SPACE SUBJECTS HIM TO A MIXTURE OF **BOTH RED AND GREEN KRYPTONITE**, AND EXPOSES THE **MAN OF STEEL** TO...

"THE MENACE of RED-GREEN KRYPTONITE!"

LOOK! THIS TIME **SUPERMAN** IS WEARING A NAPOLEON HAT!

YEAH...AND HE'S ACTING LIKE NAPOLEON, LEADING IMAGINARY TROOPS INTO BATTLE! IT'S AMAZING HOW EXPOSURE TO **RED AND GREEN KRYPTONITE** AFFECTED HIM!

MUST LET EVERYONE THINK I'VE FLIPPED! NO ONE MUST LEARN HOW **BRAINIAC'S RED AND GREEN KRYPTONITE** REALLY AFFECTED ME!



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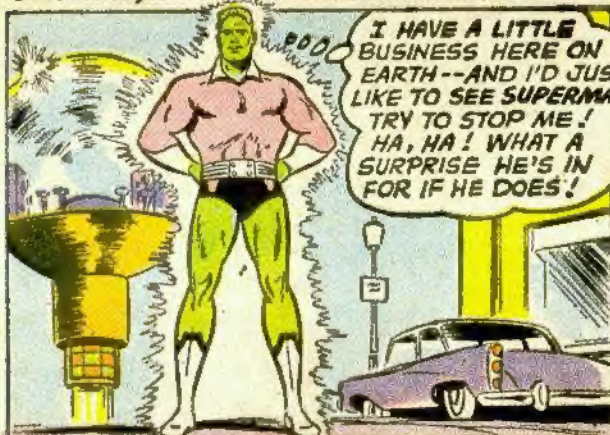


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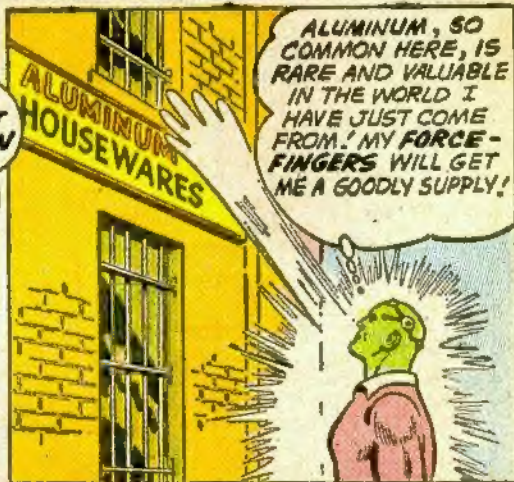


ONE DAY, A STRANGE CRAFT LANDS IN METROPOLIS,
AND AN EVEN STRANGER FIGURE EMERGES--
BRAINIAC, NOTORIOUS SPACE OUTLAW...

AS **BRAINIAC** STALKS THE CITY'S STREETS...



"I HAVE A LITTLE BUSINESS HERE ON EARTH--AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SEE **SUPERMAN** TRY TO STOP ME! HA, HA! WHAT A SURPRISE HE'S IN FOR IF HE DOES!"



"ALUMINUM, SO COMMON HERE, IS RARE AND VALUABLE IN THE WORLD I HAVE JUST COME FROM! MY **FORCE-FINGERS** WILL GET ME A GOODLY SUPPLY!"



"FIRST, TO RIP THAT WINDOW APART! HA, HA! MERE BULLETS ARE POWERLESS AGAINST MY **FORCE-SHIELD**!"

STOP!



"NOTHING ON EARTH CAN WITHSTAND MY **SUPER-GADGETS**! EACH **FORCE-FINGER** NOW BECOMES A TORCH MELTING DOWN THAT ALUMINUM..."



"...AND NOW, CHANGING THE TORCHES INTO FUNNELS, CATCHES THE MOLTEN ALUMINUM!"

AT THAT MOMENT, FAR ABOVE CITY STREETS, **SUPERMAN** PATROLS METROPOLIS, AND...



"**BRAINIAC!** THAT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING... **TROUBLE!**"



A GRIM SMILE LIGHTING HIS FEATURES, **BRAINIAC** STRIDES TO HIS SPACE-TIME CRAFT, STEPS IN, AND ...



GOOD HEAVENS! GREEN KRYPTONITE ALONE CAN KILL SUPERMAN!

AND RED KRYPTONITE ALWAYS HAS STRANGE, UNPREDICTABLE EFFECTS ON HIM! IN THE PAST, IT HAS MADE HIM FAT...TURNED HIM INTO A GIANT, MADE HIM TINY, AND OFTEN GAVE HIM STRANGE HALLUCINATIONS!

WHAT WILL THE COMBINATION OF BOTH FORMS OF KRYPTONITE DO? WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW?

I...I FEEL STRANGE. WHAT? GULP? IS HAPPENING TO ME?

HA, HA! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE THE RESULTS!



BUT, AFTER LONG MINUTES OF SUSPENSEFUL WAITING...

NOTHING IS HAPPENING!

BAH! SOMETHING CERTAINLY WILL...BUT I CAN'T WASTE ALL THIS TIME WAITING TO SEE! I HAVE BUSINESS IN THE WORLD I CAME FROM! I'LL RETURN THERE, AND COME BACK HERE IN A FEW DAYS FOR MORE ALUMINUM! THEN, I'LL SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM!

WHEW! LUCKY FOR ME, NO ONE--NOT EVEN BRAINIAC--NOTICED THE UTTERLY WEIRD EFFECT THE RED-GREEN RAYS HAD ON ME! IT...IT'S INCREDIBLE!



AT THAT MOMENT...

SUPERMAN! A RADIO NEWS REPORT SAID YOU WERE FIGHTING BRAINIAC HERE--AND SOMEONE TOLD ME HE HAD EXPOSED YOU TO A RAY COMPOSED OF BOTH RED AND GREEN KRYPTONITE! WH-WHAT EFFECT HAS IT HAD ON YOU?

FOR A LONG MOMENT, SUPERMAN STARES SILENTLY AT LOIS, AND THEN...

SUPERMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? MY HAT!





HUH? WHY ARE YOU WEARING MY HAT?



SUPERMAN! COME BACK!

GOOD HEAVENS! THAT RAY!... IT... IT MUST HAVE MADE HIM FLIP! THERE'S NO EARTHLY REASON WHY HE SHOULD WANT TO WEAR MY HAT!

NEXT DAY, AT A MEETING OF THE METROPOLIS ALL-CHARITY EXECUTIVE BOARD...



SUPERMAN HAD PROMISED TO SPEAK AT THIS MEETING AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS... BUT HE HASN'T SHOWN UP! I'M PUZZLED--IT'S A RARE OCCASION WHEN SUPERMAN FAILS TO KEEP A PROMISE!



SUDDENLY, IN THROUGH THE WINDOW ALIGHTS SUPERMAN...

SUPERMAN! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THAT RIDICULOUS HEAD-DRESS? ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THIS MEETING?

SHH! HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

BRAINIAC EXPOSED HIM TO RED AND GREEN KRYPTONITE... AFFECTED HIS MIND...!

THE WHISPER RACES AROUND THE TABLE, AND...



SUPERMAN, PLEASE FORGIVE MY OUTBURST! YOU'RE WELCOME NO MATTER WHAT YOU WEAR!

FIRST HE WORE MY HAT... AND NOW HE'S WEARING A SWAMI'S TURBAN! WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

SUDDENLY...

SUPERMAN! I JUST HEARD A FLASH OVER THE RADIO... A FLOCK OF ICEBERGS IS DANGEROUSLY ADRIPT IN THE MIDST OF SHIPPING LANES!

I'D BETTER ATTEND TO THAT AT ONCE! PLEASE, GENTLEMEN... EXCUSE ME!

WHY...ER... CERTAINLY!



MOMENTS LATER ...

LOOK! HE'S FLYING IN THE **OPPOSITE** DIRECTION FROM THE SEA!

AND NOW HE'S TAKING THE GLASS DOME OFF THAT BUILDING! I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

BUT AS REPORTS OF **SUPERMAN'S** ACTIONS ARE BROADCAST FROM SHIPS AT SEA, A STRANGE KIND OF MEANING BEGINS TO TAKE FORM!

HE'S USING THAT GLASS SPHERE TO CONCENTRATE THE HEAT OF THE SUN'S RAYS ON THOSE ICEBERGS AND MELT THEM! IT'S DOING THE JOB... BUT WHY DOESN'T HE JUST USE HIS **HEAT VISION**?

AND, WHEN LOIS HEARS OF THE EPISODE...

IT'S BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE ... IN A WILD, NONSENSICAL WAY! A SWAMI USES A CRYSTAL BALL TO TELL FORTUNES... AND THAT GLASS DOME **SUPERMAN** USED WHILE WEARING A SWAMI'S HAT WAS ALSO LIKE A CRYSTAL BALL! HMM... I'LL HAVE TO WATCH HIM CAREFULLY TO TEST MY THEORY!

NEXT DAY...

GOOD GODFREY! LOOK AT THE HAT **SUPERMAN** IS WEARING TODAY!

THAT'S THE HAT MEMBERS OF THE **QUEEN'S GUARD** WEAR WHEN PATROLLING BUCKINGHAM PALACE!

THEN, AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** SIGHTS A FLASH FIRE IN A NEARBY BUILDING...

IF MY IDEA IS CORRECT, HE'LL PUT OUT THAT FIRE, ACTING LIKE A MEMBER OF THE QUEEN'S GUARD! BUT ALL **THEY** DO, IS PARADE BACK AND FORTH!



AMAZINGLY ENOUGH, MOMENTS LATER...

AND THAT'S ALL HE IS DOING... MARCHING BACK AND FORTH!



BUT...SO INCREDIBLY FAST AND HARD THAT HE'S WEARING AWAY PAVEMENT AND THE EARTH BENEATH IT, AND DIGGING A DEEP DITCH-- WHAT GOOD WILL **THAT** DO--



PRESENTLY...

INCREDIBLE! HE DUG A DITCH DEEP ENOUGH TO EXPOSE A WATER MAIN BURIED UNDER THE STREET, AND THEN MADE OPENINGS IN IT AT PRECISELY THE RIGHT ANGLE FOR THIS WATER TO SQUIRT OUT AND EXTINGUISH THE FLAMES!



THEN, WHEN THE FIRE HAS BEEN PUT OUT...

HE'S NOW REPAIRING THE DAMAGE...JUST AS HE RETURNED THAT GLASS DOME! NOW I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING! THAT RAY HAS AFFECTED HIS MIND SO THAT HE'S FORCED TO WEAR STRANGE HATS, AND DO HIS SUPER-JOBS ACCORDING TO THE WAY PEOPLE WHO WEAR THOSE HATS ACT!



THAT EVENING, LOIS TYPES OUT THAT'S JUST A STRANGE YARN ... WHAT I WANT

LOIS AND THE WORLD TO THINK! HOWEVER, I'M PURPOSELY WEARING THE HATS AND ACTING AS I DO SO PEOPLE WON'T SUSPECT THE REAL EFFECT THAT RAY HAD ON ME. TONIGHT, I'LL MEET **SUPERGIRL** IN MY **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE** AND TELL HER MY SECRET!



SUPERMAN BECOMES MAD HATTER OF METROPOLIS AS RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO RED-GREEN KRYPTONITE



SOMEWHAT LATER, AS SUPERMAN TALKS TO SUPERGIRL IN THE HIDDEN RECESSES OF HIS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...



NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN WHAT THE RAY DID TO ME, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO SEE!

INDEED I CAN! AND I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE PRETENDING THE RAY IS MAKING YOU WEAR THOSE STRANGE HATS AND...

...ACT SO STRANGELY. IT DRAWS ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE REAL EFFECT THE RAY HAD ON YOU! I WISH I COULD HELP YOU, SUPERMAN, BUT SINCE I CAN'T...

YOU MIGHT AS WELL RETURN TO THE ORPHANAGE AND LET ME HANDLE IT THE BEST WAY I CAN!

READER--CAN YOU GUESS WHAT HAS REALLY HAPPENED TO SUPERMAN AND WHY HE KEEPS WEARING DIFFERENT HATS?

NEXT DAY, IN THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET...



I DAREN'T BE SEEN WITHOUT A HAT, LUCKILY, IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR REPORTERS TO WEAR HATS...EVEN INDOORS AT WORK!

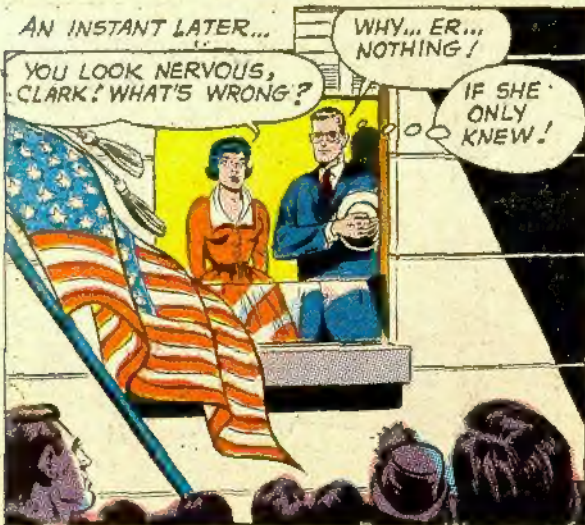
MUSIC FROM OUTSIDE! SOUNDS LIKE A PARADE!

DAILY PLANET'S IS SUPERMAN THE MAD HATTER OF METROPOLIS?



IT IS A PARADE! AND HERE COMES THE FLAG! OUR FLAG! HATS OFF!

WHY... ER... GULP!...OF COURSE! HATS OFF!



AN INSTANT LATER...

YOU LOOK NERVOUS, CLARK! WHAT'S WRONG?

WHY... ER... NOTHING!

IF SHE ONLY KNEW!

SOMEWHAT AFTERWARD, AS CLARK SEEMS TO BE WORKING ON A STORY, BUT IS REALLY COMBING THE CITY WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION...

BUZZ WINDROW... A KILLER WANTED BY THE POLICE...HE'S A FEW BLOCKS AWAY! MUST CATCH HIM!

HAVE TO GO NOW, LOIS! NEED SOME... ..ER...HEADACHE POWDERS!



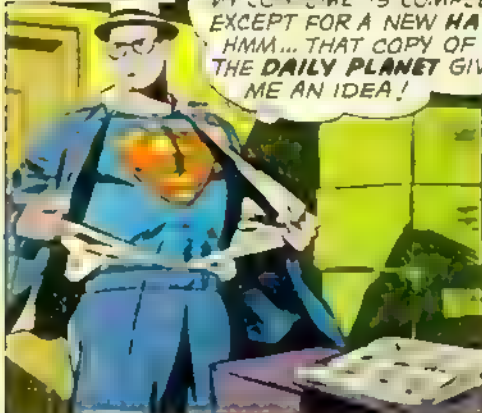


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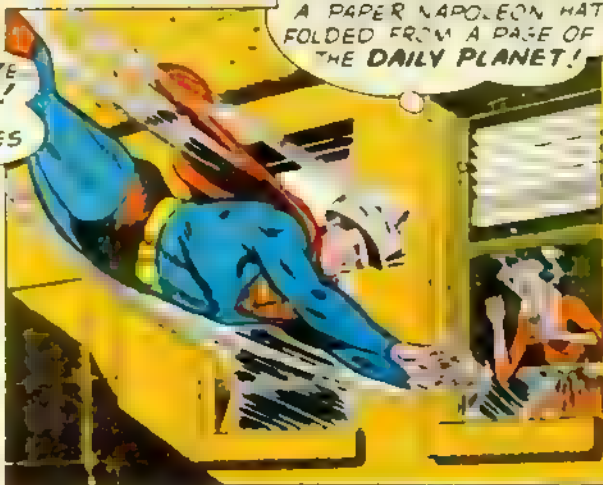
PRESENTLY, IN THE **PLANET** STOREROOM, **M.D. CLARK KENT** SHEEDS HIS OUTER GARMENTS TO BECOME THE MIGHTY **SUPERMAN!**

MY COSTUME IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR A NEW HAT! HMM... THAT COPY OF THE **DAILY PLANET** GIVES ME AN IDEA!



SO, MOMENTS LATER

NOW **SUPERMAN** IS WEARING A PAPER **NAPOLEON** HAT FOLDED FROM A PAGE OF THE **DAILY PLANET!**



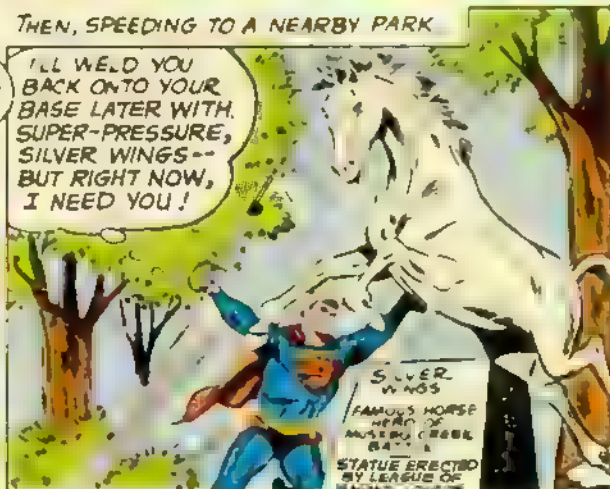
AND, AS **LOS** WATCHES INCREDULOUSLY

HE PULLED OUT THAT STEEL FENCE PICKET, AND NOW HE'S SHAPING IT INTO A MILITARY SWORD!



THEN, SPEEDING TO A NEARBY PARK

I'LL WELD YOU BACK ONTO YOUR BASE LATER WITH SUPER-PRESSURE, SILVER WINGS-- BUT RIGHT NOW, I NEED YOU!



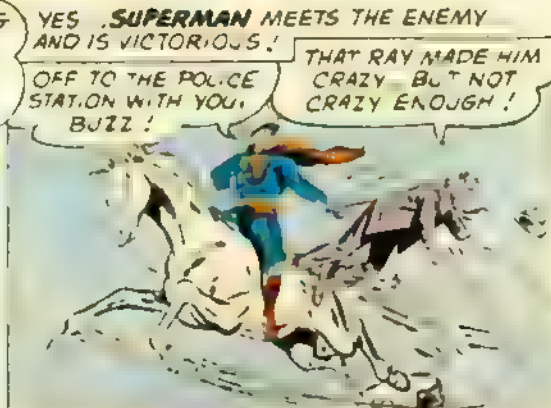
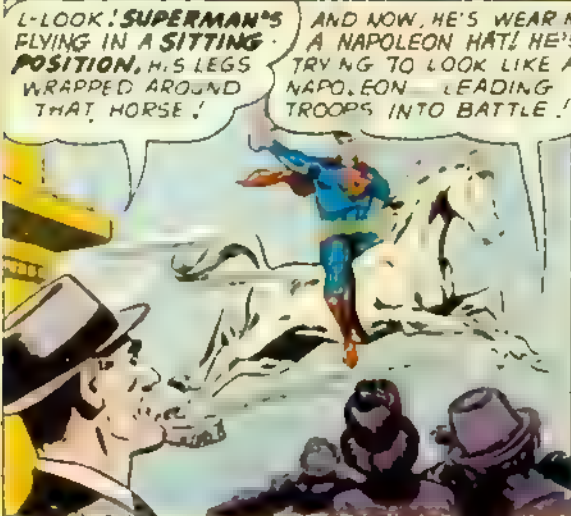
L-LOOK! **SUPERMAN'S** FLYING IN A SITTING POSITION. HIS LEGS WRAPPED AROUND THAT HORSE!

AND NOW, HE'S WEARING A **NAPOLEON** HAT! HE'S TRYING TO LOOK LIKE A **NAPOLEON** LEADING TROOPS INTO BATTLE!

YES, **SUPERMAN** MEETS THE ENEMY AND IS VICTORIOUS!

OFF TO THE POLICE STATION WITH YOU, BUZZ!

THAT RAY MADE HIM CRAZY-- BUT NOT CRAZY ENOUGH!



READER--HAVE YOU GUESSED WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENED TO **SUPERMAN**? STUDY THE NEXT EPISODES CAREFULLY FOR CLUES!



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LATER . . .

I'VE BEEN COLLECTING DOZENS OF PHOTOS OF **SUPERMAN**, TAKEN BY DOZENS OF PEOPLE! THEY'RE ALL ALIKE--EACH TIME HE'S WEARING SOME RIDICULOUS HAT! MMM . . . TONIGHT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER CELEBRITIES, HE'LL MEET THE KING AND QUEEN OF **RUTANIA**. I HOPE HE DOESN'T DISGRACE US!



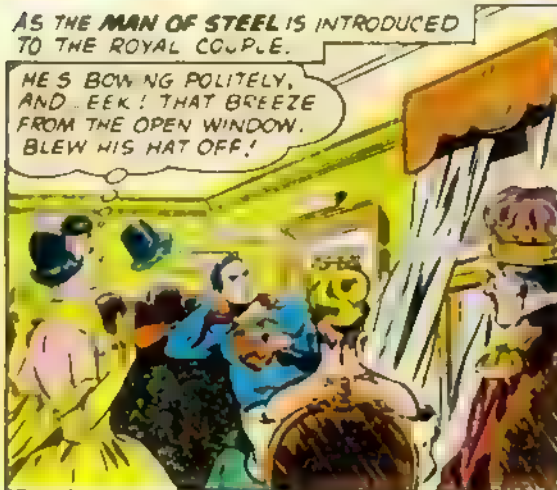
PRESENTLY, IN **METROPOLIS MANOR**, WHERE THE KING AND QUEEN ARE THE GUESTS OF HONOR

THERE HE IS! THANK GOODNESS THAT HAT ISN'T TOO ABSURD! AT LEAST A HIGH, SLICK HAT IS APPROPRIATE TO THE OCCASION!



AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** IS INTRODUCED TO THE ROYAL COUPLE.

HE'S BOWING POLITELY, AND . . . EEEK! THAT BREEZE FROM THE OPEN WINDOW, BLEW HIS HAT OFF!



THEN, WITH A GESTURE QUICK AS LIGHTNING

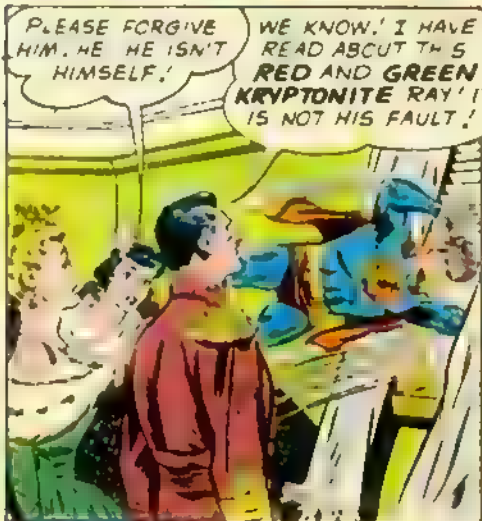
HE . . . HE GRABBED THE KING'S CROWN, PUT IT ON HIS OWN HEAD! OH, HE IS DISGRACING **METROPOLIS**!

EXCUSE ME! I MUST GO AT ONCE! MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTED CRIES OF ALARM OUTSIDE!



PLEASE FORGIVE HIM. HE HE ISN'T HIMSELF!

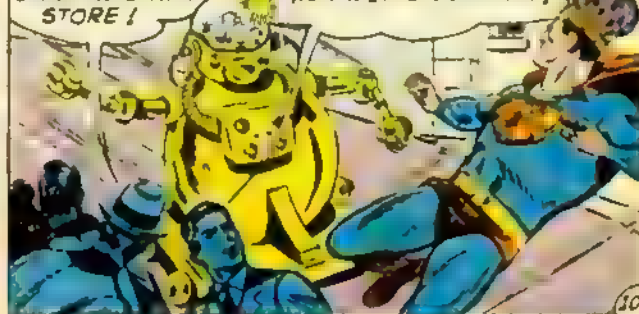
WE KNOW! I HAVE READ ABOUT THE **RED AND GREEN KRYPTONITE RAY**! IT IS NOT HIS FAULT!



AND, AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE...

THAT GIANT MODEL OF A MONSTER, MADE TO ADVERTISE THE FILM "PRINCE UGLY FROM OUTER SPACE", IS GOING TO CRASH INTO THAT STORE!

UNLESS **SUPERMAN** DOES SOMETHING...BUT WHAT CAN HE DO? NOW THAT HE'S WEARING A KING'S CROWN, HE'LL HAVE TO ACT LIKE A KING! HOW CAN A "KING" STOP THAT METAL MONSTER?



AND, AS THE FEARSOME MODEL RUMBLES DOWNHILL...

I COMMAND YOU...
ADVANCE NO FARTHER!
IT IS MY ROYAL COMMAND!

L-LOOK! HE...HE'S
JUST ORDERING IT...
LIKE A KING! DOESN'T
HE KNOW IT'S AN
INANIMATE MODEL,
AND CAN'T HEAR HIM?

BUT, AN INSTANT LATER...

GREAT SCOTT!
THE FORCE OF THE
VIBRATIONS OF HIS
SUPER-VOICE
SHATTERED THE MODEL,
MAKING IT HARMLESS!
WHEW!... CRAZY OR
SANE... LEAVE IT
TO SUPERMAN!

THEN, AS SUPERMAN RE-ENTERS THE
HALL AND GETS HIS TOP HAT BACK...

YOUR CROWN,
YOUR MAJESTY!

UP THERE,
SUPERMAN!
LOOK!

THANK YOU,
SUPERMAN!

THE VIBRATIONS OF
YOUR SUPER-VOICE
MUST HAVE LOOSENED
THE WIRES HOLDING
THAT CHANDELIER!

SUPERMAN...
PLEASE... BURN
IT TO A HARMLESS
CRISP WITH YOUR
HEAT VISION! IT'LL
BE A GREAT THRILL
FOR OUR MILLIONS
OF TV VIEWERS!

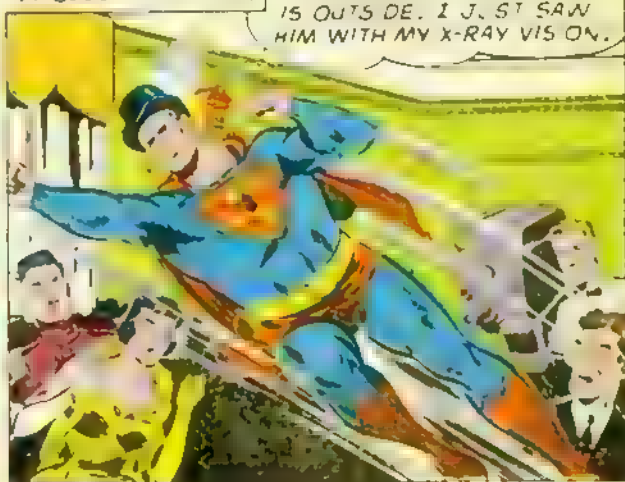
CERTAINLY!
THERE YOU ARE!
BURNED TO
ASHES!

EEEK!
LOOK!
S-SUPERMAN'S
HAT!



A SECOND LATER...

GOOD GRIEF! **BRAINIAC** IS OUTS DE. I JUST SAW HIM WITH MY X-RAY VISION.



AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** ONCE AGAIN STANDS FACE TO FACE WITH HIS ARCH FOE...

I'VE BEEN ON EARTH LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT HOW MY **RED-GREEN KRYPTONITE** RAY AFFECTED YOU, **SUPERMAN**... SO I'VE HA, HA, BROUGHT YOU THIS LITTLE GIFT! NOW, I'M GOING FOR MORE LOOT! TRY AND STOP ME!

I WILL!

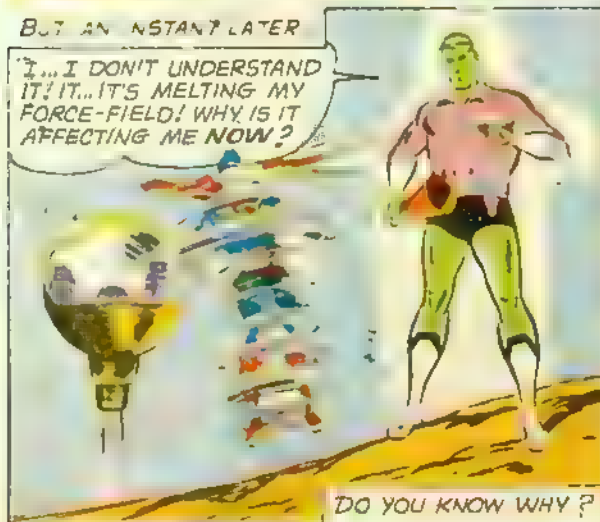


HUH? HE'S REVOLVING LIKE A WHIRLING DERVISH... AND USING HIS HEAT VISION AGAIN! BUT WHAT GOOD CAN **THAT** DO? HE TRIED IT ON ME FULL FORCE THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE, AND IT DIDN'T WORK!



BUT AN INSTANT LATER

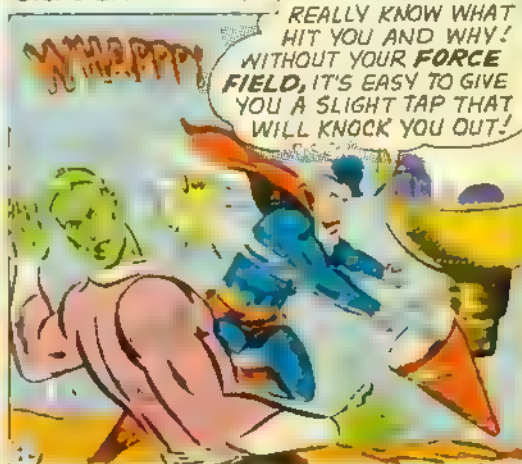
I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! IT... IT'S MELTING MY FORCE-FIELD! WHY IS IT AFFECTING ME NOW?



THEN, AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** STOPS SPINNING...

I GUESS YOU'LL NEVER REALLY KNOW WHAT HIT YOU AND WHY!

WITHOUT YOUR **FORCE FIELD**, IT'S EASY TO GIVE YOU A SLIGHT TAP THAT WILL KNOCK YOU OUT!





I'LL PUT YOU IN THERE AND JAM THE DIAL SO THAT YOU REMAIN STUCK ON SOME REMOTE PLANET AT SOME REMOTE TIME IN THE PAST. THAT SHOULD KEEP YOU AWAY FROM EARTH FOR A WHILE!

LATER, IN THE **BRAINIAC** ROOM OF THE **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE**...

SUPERMAN, WHEN THE BACK OF YOUR HAT BURST INTO FLAMES WHEN YOU USED YOUR X-RAY VISION... AND THEN, WHEN YOU SAW **BRAINIAC** WHO WAS BEHIND YOU, EVERYONE MUST HAVE DEDUCED YOUR SECRET! SURELY, THEY MUST HAVE DEDUCED THAT IN BACK OF YOUR HEAD



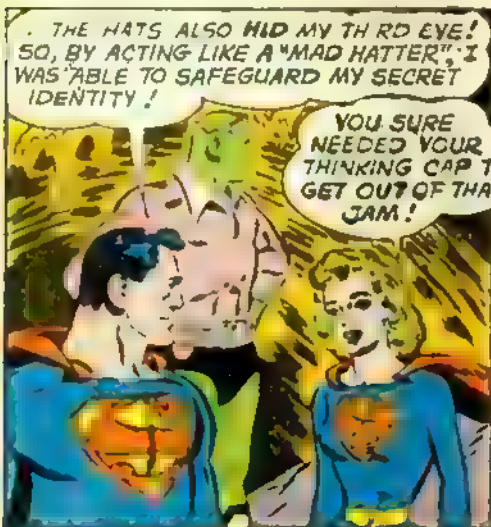
...NO DOUBT CAUSED BY THE COMBINATION OF RED AND GREEN RAYS STIMULATING YOUR **PINEAL GLAND**,* YOU HAD GROWN A **THIRD EYE!**

IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW! I CAN FEEL THE EYE SHRINKING! IN A FEW DAYS IT WILL BE GONE.

IMAGINE IF SOMEONE WHO SUSPECTS CLARK IS **SUPERMAN**... LIKE LOIS LANE OR JIMMY, HAD NOTICED A THIRD EYE ON **SUPERMAN**! THEY WOULD HAVE LOOKED FOR ONE ON CLARK, AND THE WHOLE SECRET OF MY IDENTITY WOULD HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED! I **PRETENDED** THE RAY HAD MADE ME CRAZY OVER HATS TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM ITS REAL EFFECTS!

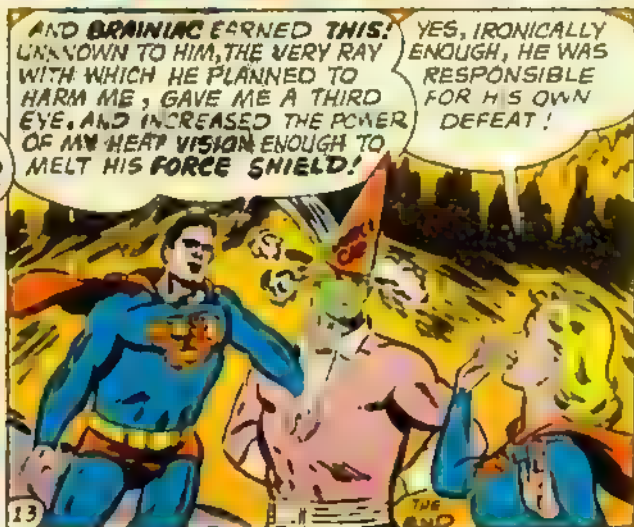


*MANY SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THIS GLAND IS A REMNANT OF A THIRD EYE EARLY MAN ONCE HAD IN BACK OF HIS HEAD TO WARN HIM OF DANGER BEHIND. --EDITOR.



THE HATS ALSO HID MY THIRD EYE! SO, BY ACTING LIKE A "MAD HATTER," I WAS ABLE TO SAFEGUARD MY SECRET IDENTITY!

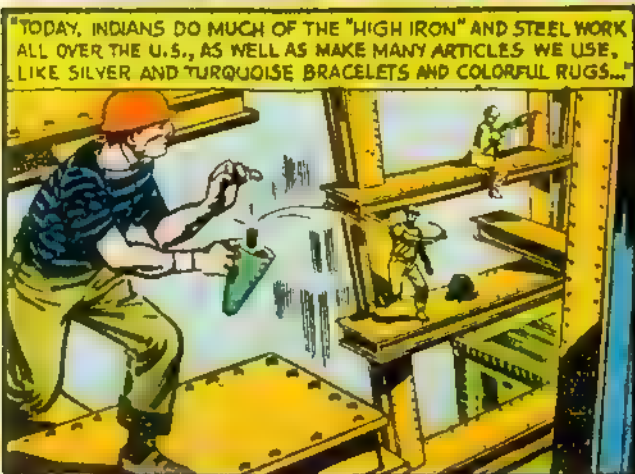
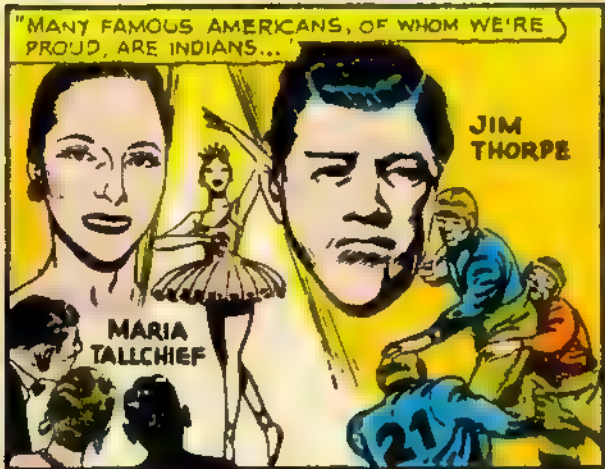
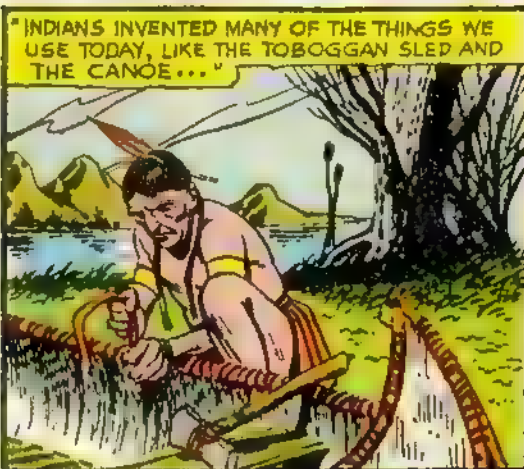
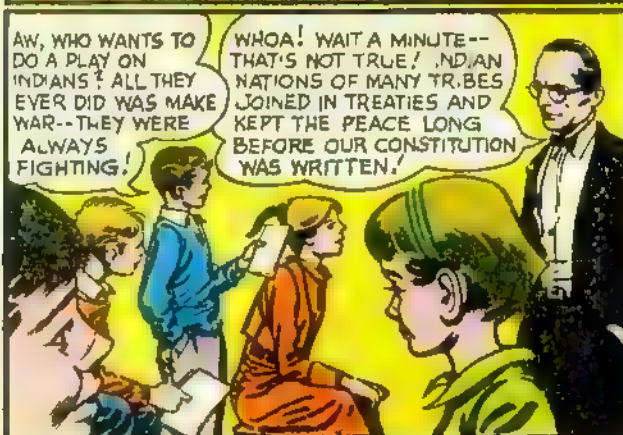
YOU SURE NEEDED YOUR THINKING CAP TO GET OUT OF THAT JAM!



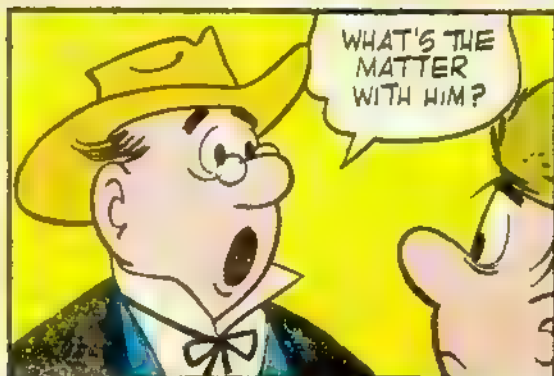
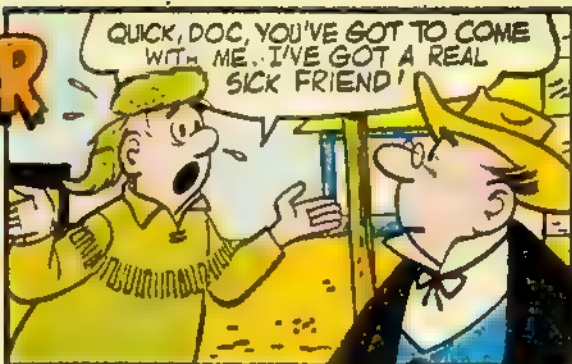
AND **BRAINIAC** EARNED THIS! UNKNOWN TO HIM, THE VERY RAY WITH WHICH HE PLANNED TO HARM ME, GAVE ME A THIRD EYE, AND INCREASED THE POWER OF MY HEAT VISION ENOUGH TO MELT HIS FORCE SHIELD!

YES, IRONICALLY ENOUGH, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN DEFEAT!

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Dear Editor: In a recent story entitled "The Voyage to Dimension X" SUPERMAN decided against using his cousin, SUPERGIRL, to rescue him from the situation he was in in that story. In the past, he has often said that SUPERGIRL was his secret weapon for desperate situations like this . . . so my question is: "Why didn't he use her in this extreme peril?"

Mark Salkin, Los Angeles, Calif.

(The Man of Steel would have summoned SUPERGIRL if his super-wits hadn't thought of a solution at the last moment. However, SUPERMAN faces the worst danger of his life in the story featured in the next issue of ACTION COMICS, "The Superman Emergency Squad", and this time he has to call on SUPERGIRL.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the recent story, "Superman's Old Age", Superman dreams that he becomes old and that Lucy Lane is married to Jimmy Olsen. However, in that story you show Lois Lane as still being unmarried. Didn't you once state, in another of your magazines, that Lucy Lane promised she would never marry anyone until Lois got married first? What happened?

Sue Kibbey, Seattle, Wash.

(You're right about Lucy having promised she would not marry anyone until her older sister found a man. But this story was a DREAM—and dreams aren't always logical. Are we excused?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the story, "Superman's Old Age", you have Luthor elected MAYOR of Metropolis. Isn't it against the law for an ex-convict to hold a public office? Mike T. Bean, Big Bear Lake, Cal.

(Usually. But Luthor has received a special Presidential pardon to reward him for having discovered a cure for cancer. Or do you want us to pull the dream excuse on you, too?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I think the most wonderful thing that has happened to the SUPERMAN family of comics, was the introduction of the character, BIZARRO. I'll never get tired of reading of his twisted adventures on that crazy, mixed-up planet, the square BIZARRO world. How about giving us more BIZARRO stories—real soon!

Richard Green, Great Neck, N. Y.

(The demand for more BIZARRO stories has been so great that, commencing with the June issue of

ADVENTURE COMICS, we will introduce a new series, "Tales of the Bizarro World." Watch for it and let us know how you like this series.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In your recent novel, "Superman's Return to Krypton", you showed SUPERMAN chasing a creature as big as a planet. It went so fast that SUPERMAN crashed through the time-barrier into the past as a result of following it. How come the creature didn't crash through the time-barrier too?

Philippe Huppe, Saskatchewan, Canada

(The creature DID land back in the past. But he was going so fast that he arrived in a time-period hundreds of years before the one SUPERMAN landed in.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Exactly 999,999,999,999,999,001 times you have stated that in a future issue of SUPERMAN COMICS you will republish the origin of SUPERMAN. Well, when will that be?

Robert Pagel, Milwaukee, Wis.

(The story has already been processed and will definitely be published in one of our summer issues.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Did SUPERMAN fight with the United States Army during the second World War?

David Sigley, Brookhaven, Pa.

(SUPERMAN helped the war effort by helping sell War Bonds and aiding scrap-metal drives. But he did not go into battle because he believed that the United States was good enough to win the war without the help of a SUPERMAN.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You've often established that AQUAMAN cannot stay above the water for more than one hour. But in the recent story in which AQUAMAN appeared, "Superman's Rival, Mental Man", AQUAMAN is out of water all the time! Anyway, I still enjoy all your stories.

Karen Schechter, New York, N. Y.

(AQUAMAN can survive away from the sea as long as he comes into contact with water at least once an hour. Obviously, in this story, he refreshed himself by drinking water at the necessary intervals.—Ed.)

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JOE EL LARA, THE KRYPTONIAN PARENTS OF SUPERMAN, HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO A DAUGHTER INSTEAD OF A SON! IN THAT EVENT, THEIR BABY, WHO CAME TO EARTH AND WAS ADOPTED BY MA AND PA KENT IN SMALLVILLE, WOULD HAVE GROWN INTO A TEEN-AGE SUPER-BOY! SURPRISING???--IT CERTAINLY IS, AND YOU WILL LEARN OF THE AMAZINGLY DIFFERENT PATHS FATE COULD HAVE TAKEN, WHEN YOU READ...

**MA and PA
KENT ADOPT
SUPERGIRL!**

CLAY AS SUPERGIRL, C-TS HER FAMOUS COUSIN, CLERMAN, AT HIS HOME IN THE **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...**

THIS TABLEAU RECREATES A TYPICAL FAMILY SCENE IN MY **SMALLVILLE** HOME WHEN I WAS **SUPERBOY**, MANY YEARS AGO.

MA and PA KENT ROOM

WHY, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE CRYING! WHAT...?

I'M SORRY! SNIFF! -WHEN I SEE HOW YOU HAD LOVING FOSTER-PARENTS AND I...

"DON'T!!" CHEER UP! SOME DAY WHEN I FEEL YOU'RE READY, YOU TOO MAY HAVE FOSTER-PARENTS!

"SOME DAY SOUNDS VERY DISTANT..."

BACK FLIES THE GIRL OF STEEL TO MIDVALE ORPHANAGE, WHERE SHE REVEALS HER SECRET IDENTITY AS LINCOLN... AND THAT NIGHT, AS SHE GOES TO BED...

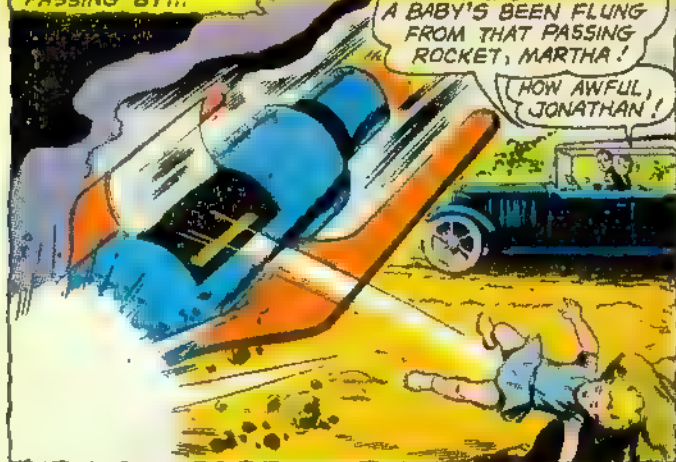
I WONDER HOW LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF I, INSTEAD OF SUPERMAN, HAD COME TO EARTH AS AN INFANT... YAWN...

SOON, AN ASTOUNDING DREAM BEGINS TO UNFOLD IN THE PLANET KRYPTON MANY YEARS AGO AND... WE IMAGINE THAT SUPERMAN'S REAL PARENTS, JOR-EL AND LARA, BECOME HER PARENTS INSTEAD... LARA: OUR PLANET KRYPTON IS BEING SHAKEN BY LANDQUAKES! IT'S ABOUT TO EXPLODE!

BUT OUR BABY DAUGHTER, KARA, WILL SURVIVE IN THE EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET YOU'RE SENDING TO EARTH, JOR-EL!

IN THE DREAM, AS KRYPTON EXPLODES, THE ROCKET SHIP ESCAPES WITH ITS BABY GIRL PASSENGER--! IN REAL LIFE, OF COURSE, IT HAD BEEN A BABY BOY WHO SURVIVED!

NEXT, THE DREAM'S LOCALE SHIFTS TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF SMALLVILLE, WHERE MR. AND MRS. JONATHAN KENT ARE PASSING BY...



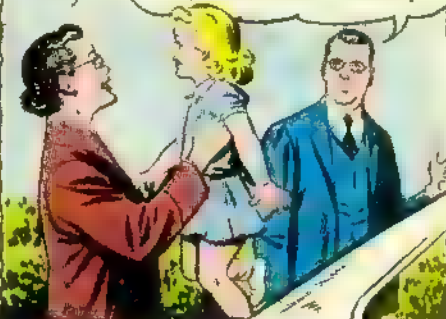
A BABY'S BEEN FLUNG FROM THAT PASSING ROCKET, MARTHA!

HOW AWFUL, JONATHAN!

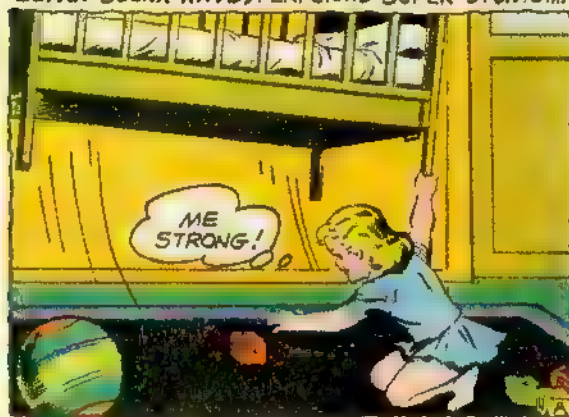
SECONDS LATER...

INCREDIBLE! SHE'S UNHARMED!...WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED A BABY, LET'S KEEP HER!

IT WOULD LOOK SUSPICIOUS IF WE COULDN'T EXPLAIN HOW WE GOT THIS CHILD! WE'LL SECRETLY LEAVE IT ON THE ORPHANAGE'S DOORSTEP, THEN ADOPT IT A FEW DAYS LATER!

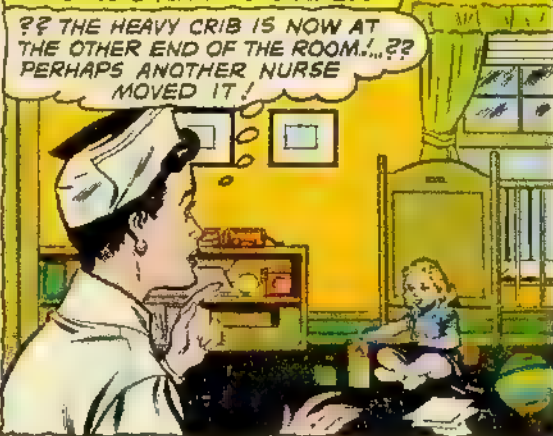


TAKEN INTO THE ORPHANAGE, THE BABY, WHICH HAS GAINED GREAT POWERS ON EARTH DUE TO OUR PLANET'S LESSER GRAVITY AND OUR YELLOW SUN'S ULTRA-SOLAR RAYS, PERFORMS SUPER-STUNTS...



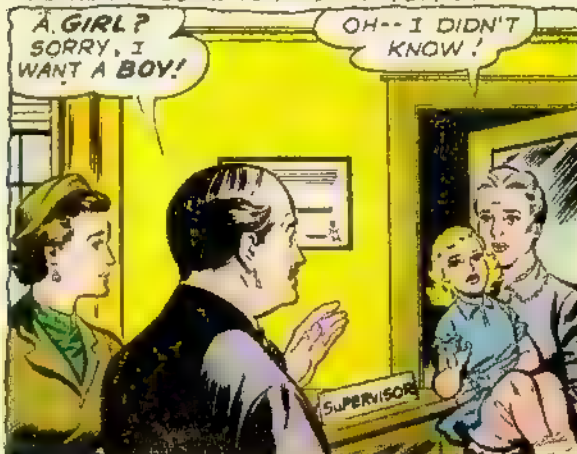
ME STRONG!

AS IF DESTINY HAD OTHER PLANS FOR THE SUPER-BABY, NO ONE AT THE ORPHANAGE DISCOVERS THE CHILD'S AMAZING SECRET!



?? THE HEAVY CRIB IS NOW AT THE OTHER END OF THE ROOM!...?? PERHAPS ANOTHER NURSE MOVED IT!

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, A COUPLE OTHER THAN THE KENTS COME TO ADOPT A TOT, BUT...



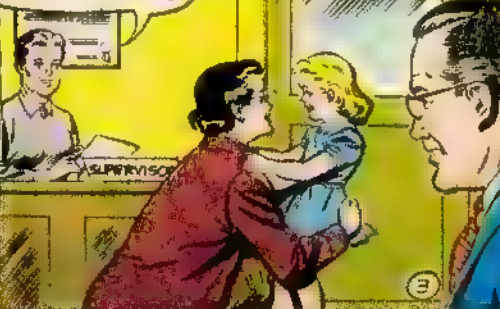
A GIRL? SORRY, I WANT A BOY!

OH--I DIDN'T KNOW!

LATER THAT DAY, WHEN MR. AND MRS. KENT ARRIVE...

SHE'S SWEET! WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED A LITTLE GIRL, HAVEN'T WE, JONATHAN?... WE'LL CALL HER LINDA!

FINE! THE ADOPTION PAPERS WILL BE READY SOON!



...LINDA KENT!

AFTERWARD, AT THEIR HOME...

OOPS! I ACCIDENTALLY JABBED LINDA WITH THE PIN WHILE DIAPERING HER!...GASP! THE PIN IS **BENT**, AND IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY MARK ON LINDA!

THAT'S WHY SHE ESCAPED FROM THE CRASH UNHARMED! SHE'S INVULNERABLE!



RAPIDLY, LINDA'S PARENTS GET MORE SURPRISES.

GREAT SCOTT! SHE LIT THE BON-FIRE WITH HEAT RAYS FROM HER EYES!



LINDA'S LIFTING THAT OLD UPROOTED TREE! WHAT SUPER-STRENGTH!



SOON, A PROBLEM ARISES...

OH, NO! LINDA IS SKIPPING ROPE SO SUPER-SWIFTLY THAT FRICTION WITH THE AIR IS BURNING THE ROPE AND HER DRESS! HOW OFTEN CAN I KEEP REPLACING DRESSES?

HMM. I'VE AN IDEA!



MA KENT HAD SAVED LINDA'S BABY BLANKETS FROM THE KRYPTONIAN ROCKET, AND WHEN THEY WERE TESTED IN A DESERTED AREA...

A PITCHFORK DIDN'T PIERCE THE YELLOW BLANKET! FIRE DIDN'T BURN THE BLUE BLANKET, EITHER!

AND A SHOTGUN BLAST MAKES NO HOLE IN THE RED ONE! THE BLANKETS ARE INDESTRUCTIBLE!



LOCATING LOOSE ENDS, THE KENT'S UNRAVELLED THE BLANKETS. THEN,

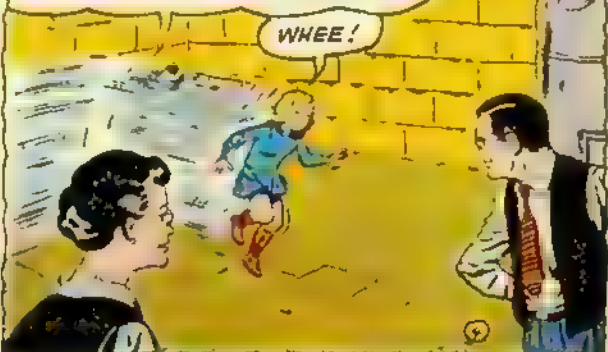
SLICE THE SUPER-THREAD WITH YOUR HEAT-RAY VISION, LINDA! GOOD!



AFTER THE SUPER-THREADS ARE RE-WOVEN...

YOU CAN PLAY INDOOR HOP-SCOTCH AS FAST AS YOU WANT, NOW AND YOUR SUPER DRESS WON'T BURN! BUT ALWAYS BE SURE NO STRANGERS SEE YOU DOING ANYTHING SUPER!

WHEE!





AND AS BABY LINDA OBEYS...!

HA, HA! LINDA IS RUNNING A RACE WITH HER LITTLE PLAYMATE NEXT DOOR, LANA LANG! SHE'S DELIBERATELY LETTING LANA WIN SO AS TO PROTECT HER SECRET!

SOME DAY LINDA WILL HELP HUMANITY WITH HER POWERS--USING A SECRET IDENTITY! THAT'S WHY WE HAVE HER WEAR A DARK WIG AND PRETEND THAT HER HAIR DARKENED AS SHE GREW OLDER!



ONE NIGHT, DURING A FEARFUL STORM...

SHE'S RUNNING ABOUT IN PANIC, AND EVERYTHING IN HER PATH IS BEING ACCIDENTALLY SMASHED!

LINDA, STOP! THUNDER AND LIGHTNING CAN'T HURT YOU!

ME SCARED!

CRASH!

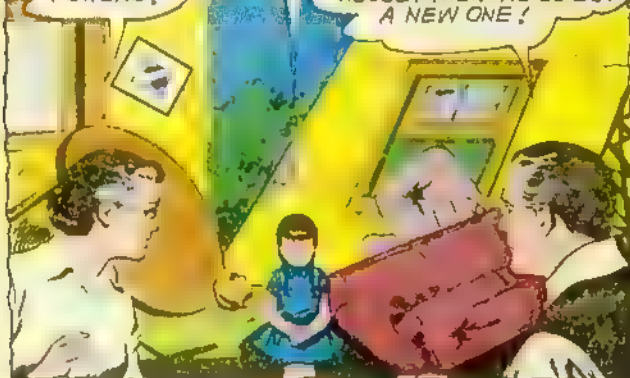


WHEN LITTLE LINDA CALMS DOWN...!

OH, NO! SHE WRECKED THE ENTIRE HOUSE WITH HER SUPER-POWERS!

ME SORRY!

GULP! WE'LL TELL THE NEIGHBORS THAT THE HURRICANE WINDS DESTROYED OUR HOUSE! THEN WE'LL BUY A NEW ONE!



INTO A NEW HOME MOVE THE KENTS AND, IRONICALLY ENOUGH...

THAT FARM NEXT DOOR HAS A BOY YOUR OWN AGE LIVING THERE, LINDA! HIS NAME IS LEX LUTHOR!

AND DIRECTLY ACROSS THE HIGHWAY LIVES ANOTHER BOY YOUR AGE! BOB BENSON!



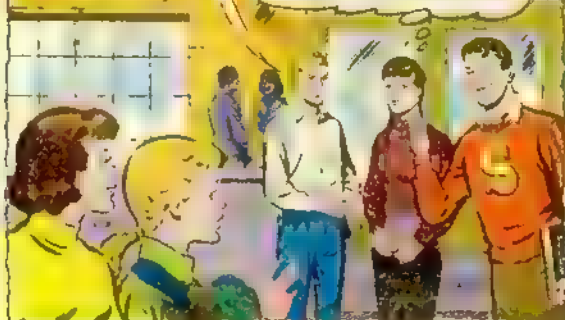
THE YEARS GO BY AND LINDA GROWS INTO A TEEN AGER...!

HI, BOB!

I'LL CARRY YOUR BOOKS, LINDA!

THANKS, LEX!

I'D MUCH RATHER HAVE BOB BENSON DO IT! HE'S MUCH HANDSOMER THAN LEX, BUT BOB WON'T EVEN LOOK AT ME!

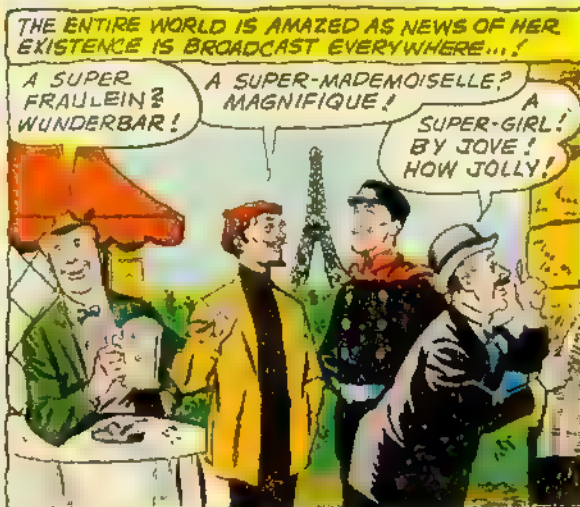
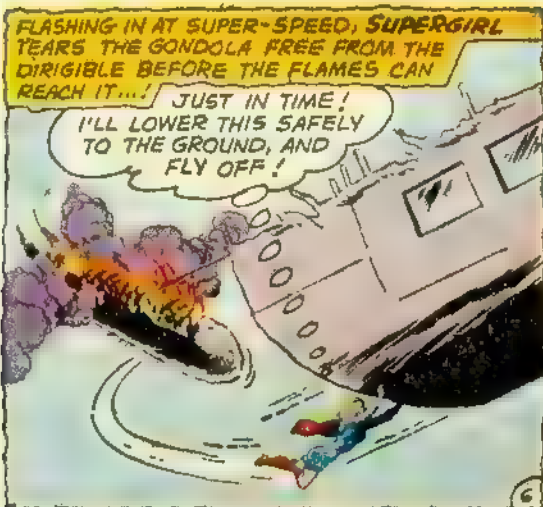
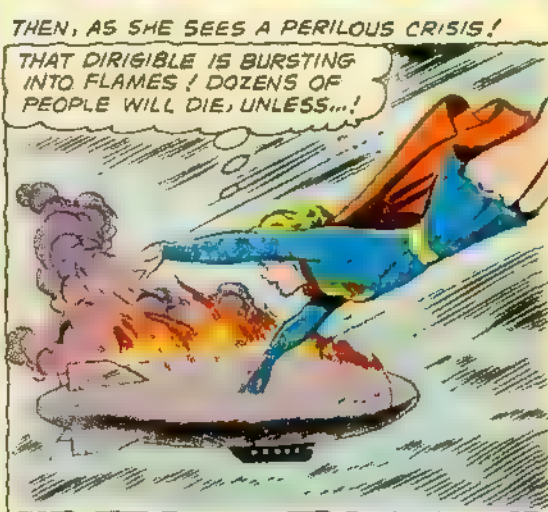
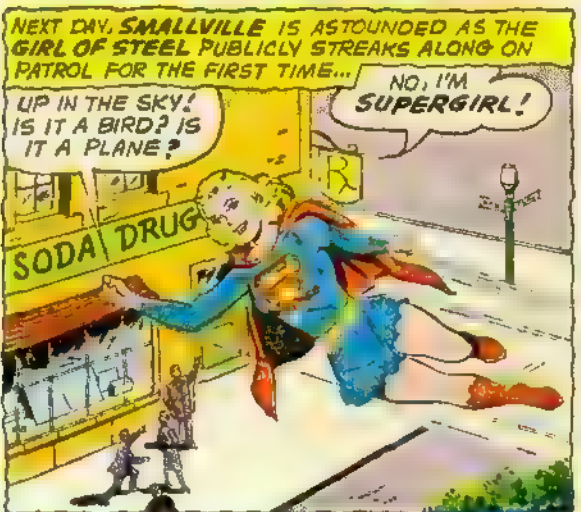
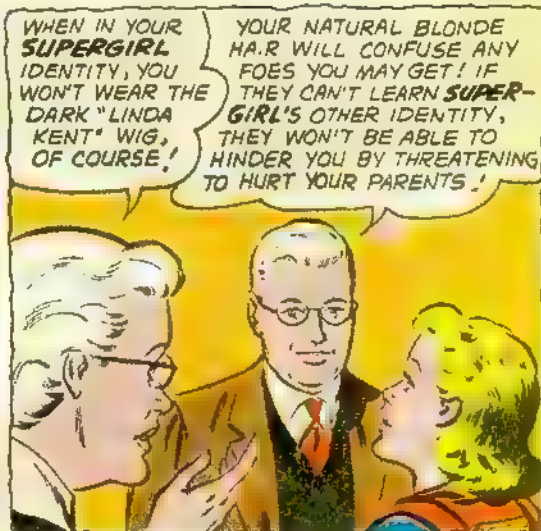
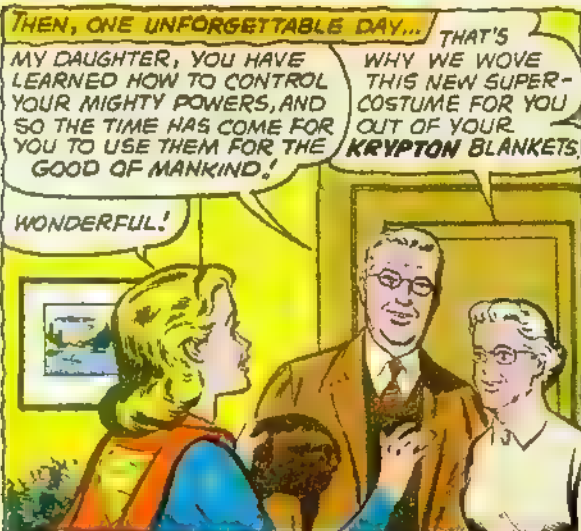


LATER, IN A SODA SHOP,

SIGH! GEE! I GUESS YOU'RE JUST ABOUT THE BEST FOOTBALL PLAYER SMALLVILLE HIGH EVER HAD, BOB!

LUCKY, LANA LANG! SHE'S GOT BOB. AND I'M STUCK WITH LEX!







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QUICKLY, CRIMINALS LEARN TO REGRET HER EXISTENCE...!

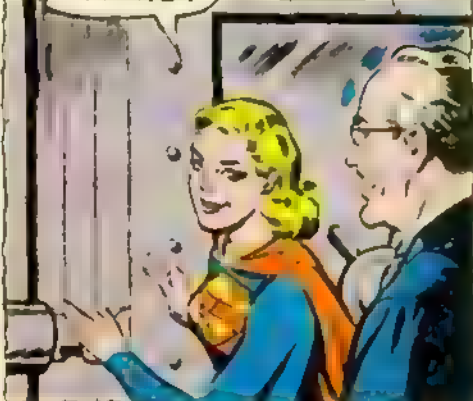
OF COURSE IT'S THAT CRIME-SMASHING SUPERGIRL! THE BULLETS B-BOUNCE OFF HER!

SO YOU WANT TO GET INTO THAT SAFE, EH? BE MY GUEST!



I DISARMED THEM ALL AND NOW I'M LOCKING THEM IN! YOU CAN FREE THEM WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE!

THANK YOU, SUPERGIRL! WHAT A BENEFIT YOU ARE TO LAW AND ORDER!



LATE ONE AFTERNOON, AS THE GIRL OF STEEL PATROLS SMALLVILLE...!

A ROCKET IS FLASHING DOWN OUT OF THE SKY! MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS KRYPTONESE WRITING ON IT!



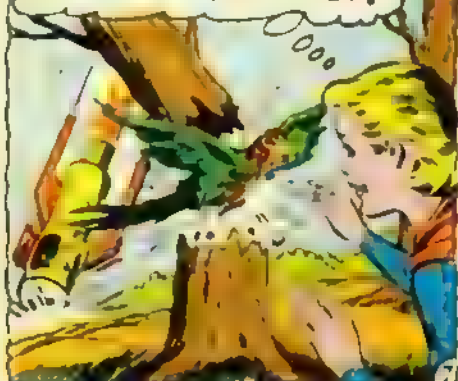
AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE, LINDA STIRS IN HER SLEEP...!

I KNOW THIS IS JUST A DREAM! HMM... THAT MUST BE AN EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET JOR-EL ONCE SHOT INTO SPACE AND NOW IT'S DRIFTING DOWN TO EARTH WITH ITS PASSENGER... KRYPTO, THE SUPERDOG!



BUT AS THE DREAM RESUMES...!

? A PARROT HAS STREAKED OUT OF THAT SMASHED KRYPTONIAN ROCKET, AND THE BIRD BANGED INTO A TREE SMASHING IT!... IT HAS SUPER-POWERS, LIKE MINE! --GOSH, IT WILL BE FUN HAVING A SUPER-PET!



HOWEVER, TRAINING HER PET ISN'T SIMPLE...!

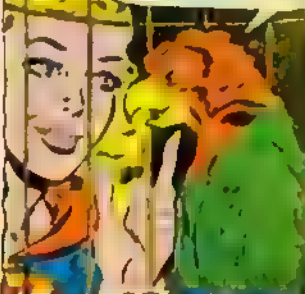
NO, NO, NO, "SQUAWKY," YOU MUSTN'T KEEP BREAKING CAGES! YOU MUST CONCEAL YOUR SUPER-POWERS UNTIL I TRAIN YOU HOW TO USE THEM WELL, OR YOU CAN'T BE MY PET!



NOT ONLY DOES SHE TEACH KRYPTO TO CONTROL HIS POWERS, BUT HOW TO TALK...! HE'S REPEATING MY WORDS!

CRACKER CRACKER!

CRR-RRACK-ER! ; SQUAWK- CRR-RACKER.

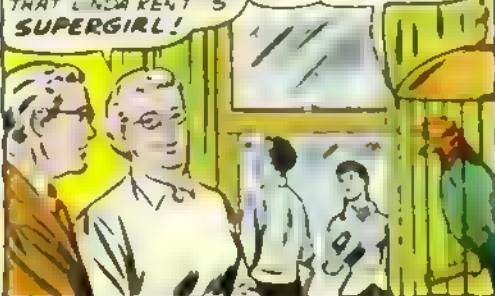




NO ONE OUTSIDE OF HER FOSTER PARENTS
EVEN SUSPECTS HER SUPER-SECRET!

BOB BENSON IS
WALKING PAST LINDA
AND DELIBERATELY
GIVING HER
A WIDE BE
ASTOUNDED TO KNOW
THAT LINDA KENT IS
SUPERGIRL!

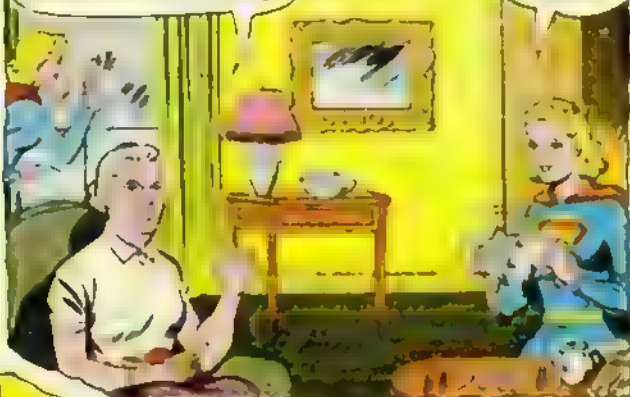
SQUAWK... LINDA
KENT IS SUPERGIRL--
SQUAWK--
LINDA KENT IS
SUPERGIRL--
SQUAWK--AWWK.



AND WHERE IN REAL LIFE YOUNG CLARK KENT HAD HELPED
PA KENT AT HIS FATHER'S STORE IN HER DREAM LINDA KENT
AIDS MA KENT AT HOME

GOODNESS YOU'VE
CLEANED THE ENTIRE
HOUSE IN MINUTES!

GLAD
TO HELP,
MOM



BUT MIGHTY AS SHE IS AS SUPERGIRL, LINDA
KENT HAS A PRIVATE SCORROW... ONE AFTERNOON,
AT A SCHOOL DANCE

PS-ST!-ASK LINDA FOR
A DANCE, BOB! SHE
LIKES YOU!

WE DANCE WITH
THAT WALLFLOWER?
NOT A CHANCE!



SHHH! SHE
MIGHT HEAR
YOU!

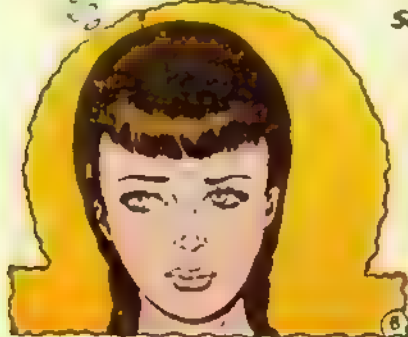
SO WHAT,
LEX? WHO
CARES?!

CHOKER: MY
SUPER-
HEARING OVER-
HEARD THEM!
THOUGH I'M WILD
ABOUT BOB BENSON,
HE DOESN'T CARE FOR
ME!



IT WAS KIND OF LEX LUTHOR TO TRY
TO SPARE MY FEELINGS! LEX
MAY BE ONLY A FARM BOY
NOW, BUT HE HOPES TO BECOME
A GREAT SCIENTIST SOME DAY
AND I'M SURE HE WILL!

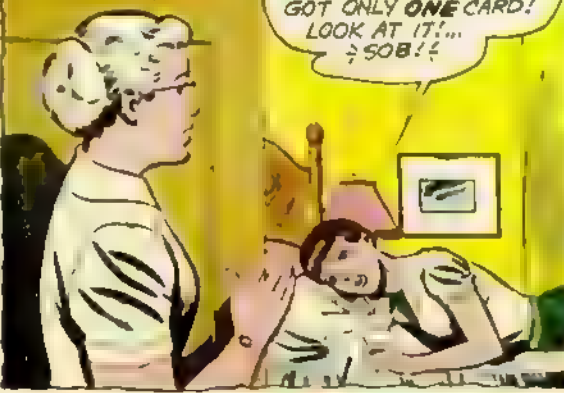
WHAT
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YOUNG LEX
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SUPERBOY'S
FOE, WHO
GREW UP TO
BECOME
SUPERMAN'S
GREATEST
ENEMY. BUT
IN SUPERGIRL'S
DREAM LEX
IS A CLEAN-CUT
CONSIDERATE
YOUTH!



ON VALENTINE'S DAY

YOU'RE CRYING! WHAT
IS IT, HONEY?

LANA LANG RECEIVED
LOADS OF BEAUTIFUL
VALENTINES! BUT... I
GOT ONLY ONE CARD!
LOOK AT IT!...
SOB!!



HOW IRONIC!
IN REAL LIFE,
THE GIRL
NEXT DOOR TO
CLARK KENT
WAS **SMALLVILLE**
WAS LANA
LANG, WHO
CONTINUALLY
PESTERED
HIM MUCH
TO CLARK'S
ANNOYANCE!
BUT HER
DREAM LANA
WAS A CRUSH
ON BOB
BENSON WHO
IGNORES
HER. Y'S.
JUST THE
OPPOSITE!

ORD - SUCH
and the mouth of the
ANONIMOUS

IF HE ONLY
KNEW...

DANGER... OH-OH! GOOD THING I DECIDED TO KEEP AN EYE ON BOB WHEN I SAW HIM GO ATOP THAT SKYSCRAPER TO PHOTOGRAPH THE WORKMEN! BOB WANTS TO ENTER THE SNAPSHOT IN A PICTURE CONTEST... BUT HE LOST HIS BALANCE

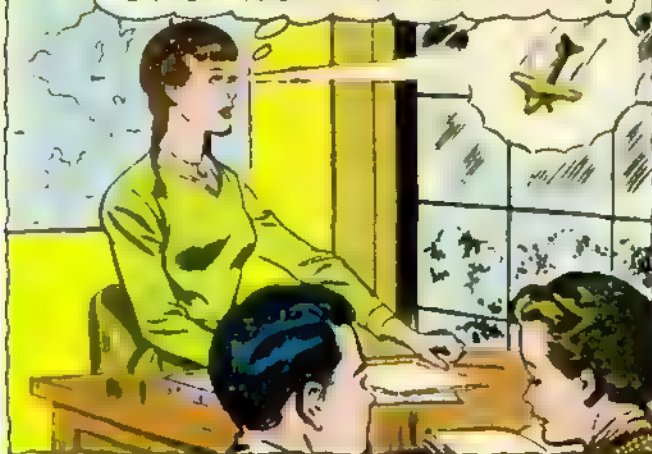
YET YOU CONSIDER
LINDA KENT A
NUISANCE! AND
I'M LINDA!

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE VOICE RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN **SUPERGIRL** AND LINDA KENT, BOB? DO YOU THINK...?

...THAT THEY COULD POSSIBLY BE
THE SAME GIRL? HA, HA!
RIDICULOUS, LEX!

SO LEX
LUTHOR
SUSPECTS...

NEXT DAY, IN SCHOOL... MY SUPER-VISION DETECTS A FALLING AIRPLANE WHICH IS ABOUT TO CRASH IN AN EMPTY FIELD!



A SECOND LATER, LINDA SEES...

GASP! THE PILOT HAS LEAPED FROM THE PLANE AND HE'S TUGGING IN VAIN ON THE RIP-CORD RING OF HIS PARACHUTE-PACK! IT'S STUCK! HE'LL FALL TO HIS DEATH!



I CAN'T GO TO THE PILOT'S RESCUE BECAUSE THE TEACHER LEFT ME TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF THIS CLASS, BUT I CAN SEND A VENTRIL-LOUQUISTIC WHISPER TO SQUAWKY!



AND SO...!

RESCUE THE FALLING PILOT, AS INSTRUCTED!



SQUAWKY!...OKAY... OKAY... SQUAWKY!

AS SQUAWKY SUPER-STREAKS TO THE PILOT'S AID, LINDA KEEPS WATCHING WITH HER SUPER-VISION...

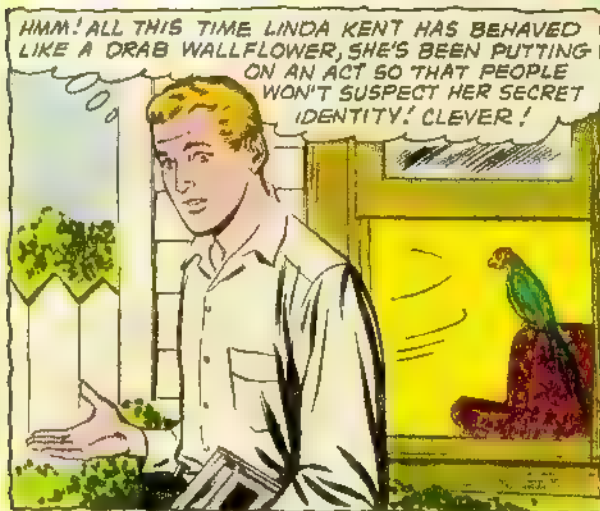
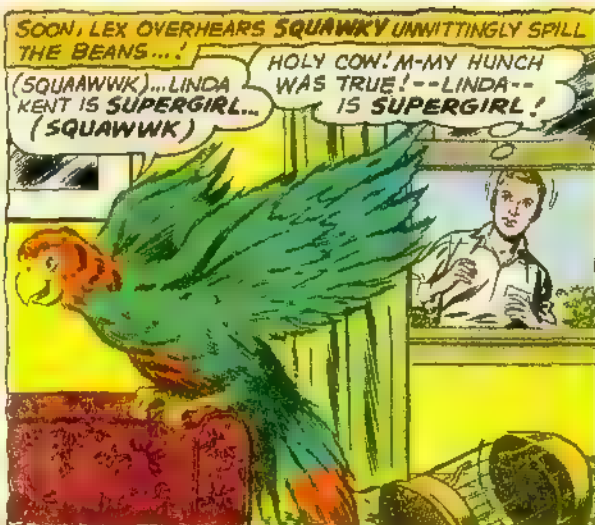
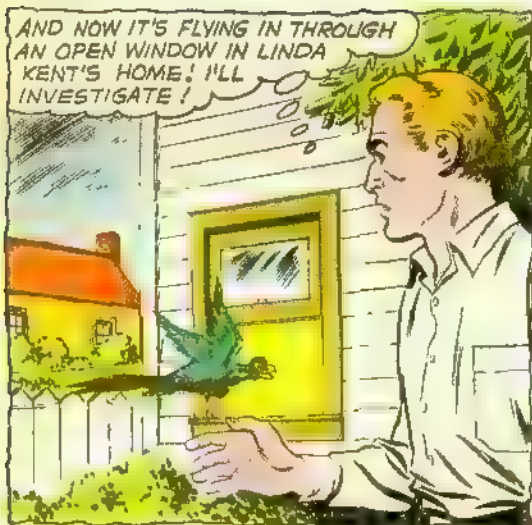
SQUAWKY'S PULLING ON THE PARACHUTE'S RIP-CORD RING AND THE PARACHUTE IS OPENING! THE AVIATOR DOESN'T REALIZE THE JAMMED RIP-CORD WAS FREED BY SQUAWKY!

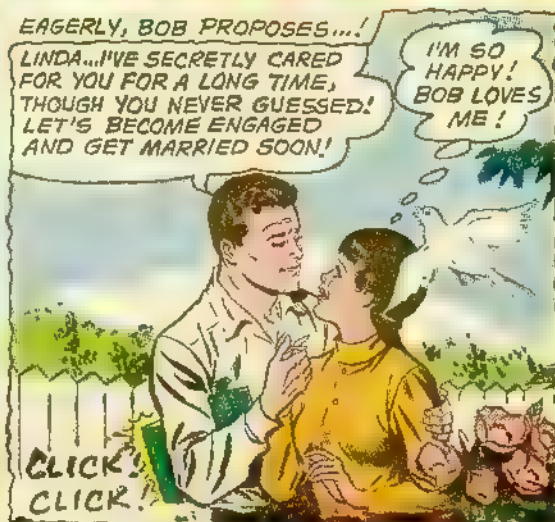
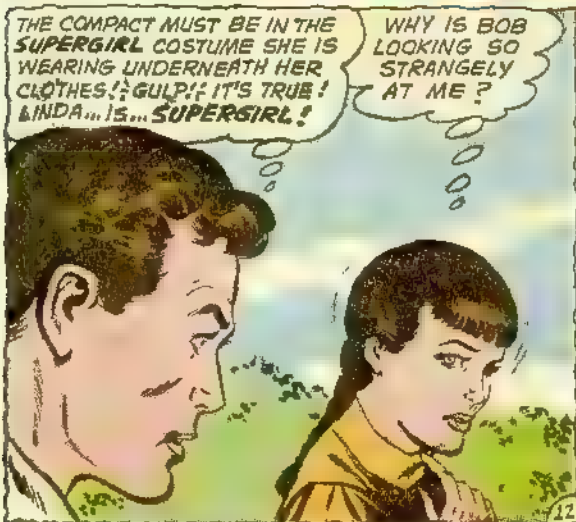
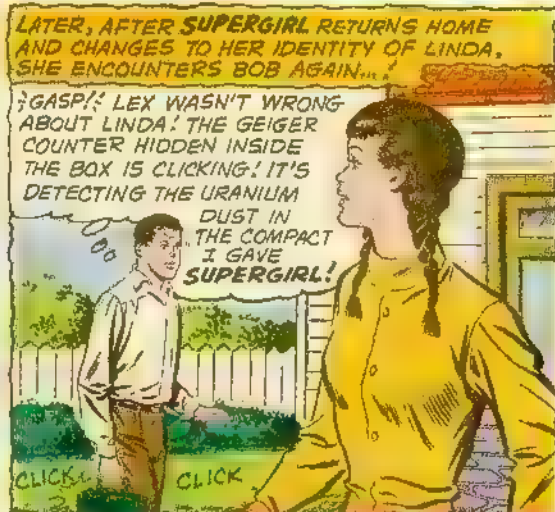
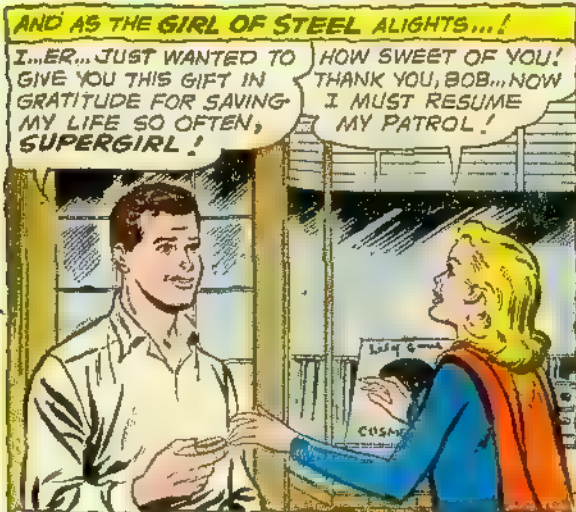
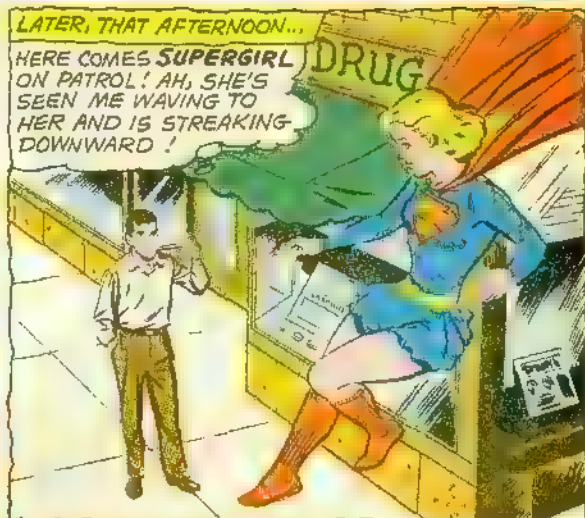
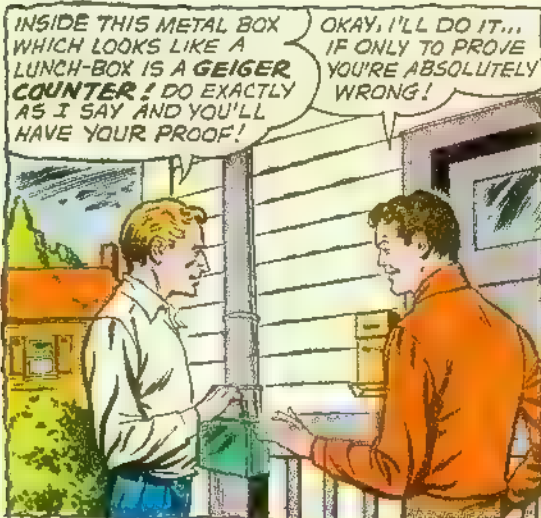


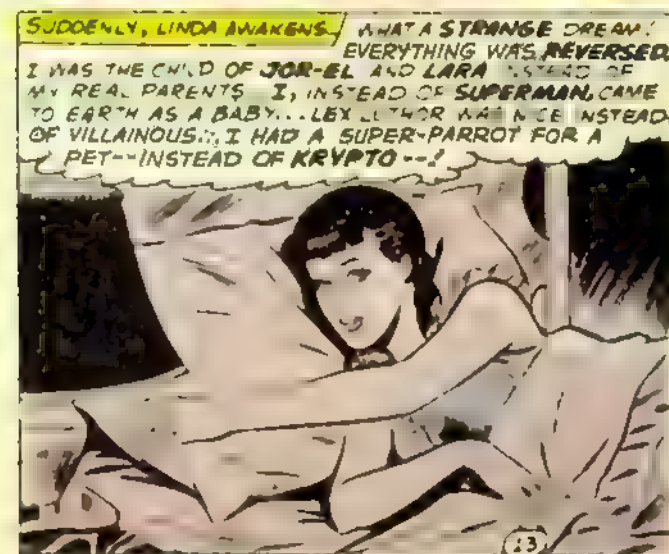
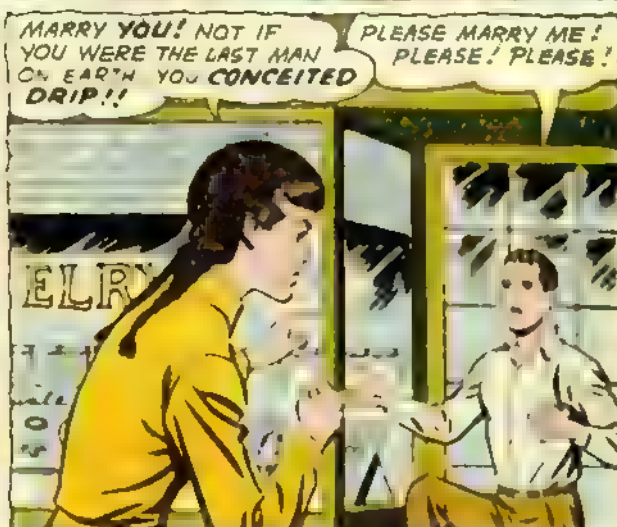
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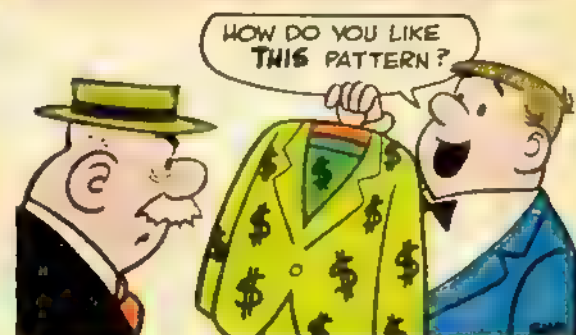
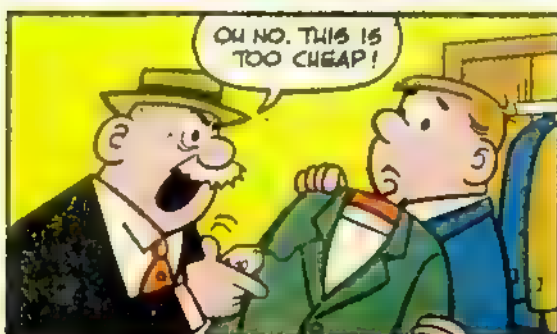
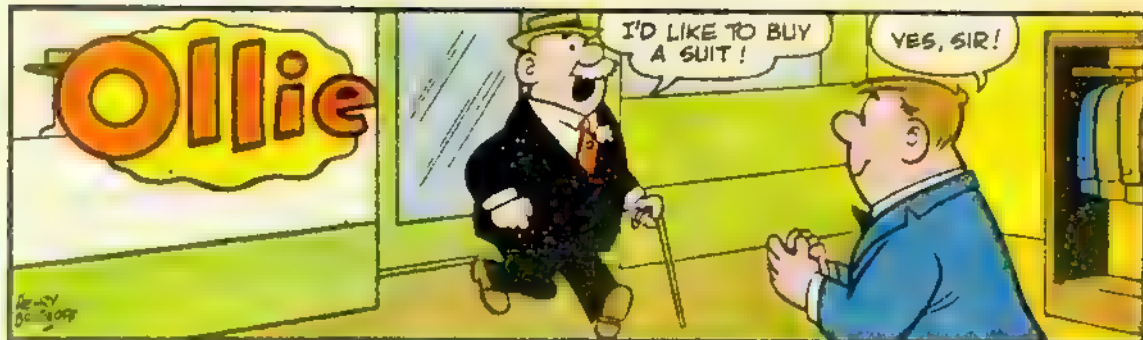
??! THAT PARROT'S WING STRUCK A TREE LIMB, BREAKING THE HEAVY BRANCH!! GASP! IT'S A SUPER-PARROT!!











SUPERMEN OF AMERICA

SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE

(Code Uranus No. 6)

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K J O T L U X Z E J O L L K X -
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SUPERMAN,

c/o ACTION COMICS

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APR 6

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Sell these popular Patriotic and Religious Mottoes

SEND US NO MONEY IN ADVANCE

Just write and ask us to send you 40 of these beautiful glittering mottoes which the public likes so well. Sell them easily and quickly to your friends and neighbors for only 35c each. At the end of 14 days send back, if you wish, all mottoes you have not sold, and send us only 25c for each you have sold. You keep all the rest of the money.

IF YOU SELL 25, YOU KEEP \$2.50

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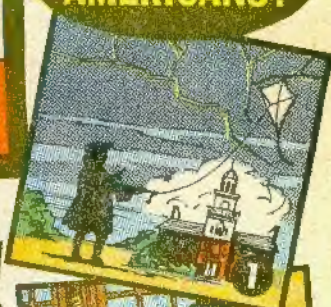
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**WHO ARE
THESE FAMOUS
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Just CHECK COUPON Below Giving Name That Goes With Each Picture! If You Get All 4 Right, We'll Send You

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOLDER OF HANDSOME HE-MEN and CHAMPS out of WEAKLINGS says
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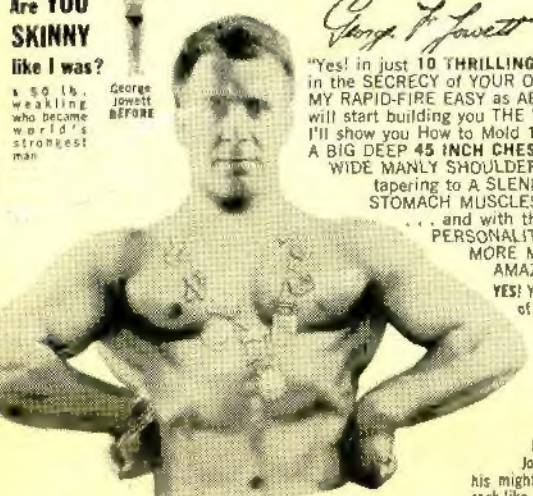
Sincerely yours for Physical Perfection . . .

Are YOU SKINNY like I was?



George Jowett BEFORE

50 lb. weakling who became world's strongest man



George F. Jowett

"Yes! in just 10 THRILLING MINUTES a day in the SECRECY of YOUR OWN ROOM at home MY RAPID-FIRE EASY as ABC FAMOUS PICTURE METHODS will start building you THE VERY FIRST NIGHT . . . I'll show you How to Mold 16 INCH ARMS of MIGHT, A BIG DEEP 45 INCH CHEST housing TIRELESS LUNGS, WIDE MANLY SHOULDERS - A BROAD BRAWNY BACK tapering to a SLENDER WAIST with punch-proof STOMACH MUSCLES. LEGS of RUNNING POWER! . . . and with these you get a POWERFUL PERSONALITY that WINS YOU NEW FRIENDS, MORE MONEY, NEW SUCCESS, AMAZING NEW PLEASURES.

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NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are now, if you're in your teens, twenties, or thirties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes in your home, how you can make yourself over by the easy, quick method I turned myself from wreck to WORLD CHAMPION.

Famous Physical Directors like J. F. Kelly and Larry Campbell said "George F. Jowett is by far THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOLDER of HANDSOME HE-MEN and CHAMPS out of weaklings."



STOP once for all BEING A WISHWASHY SKINNY WEAKLING like this 120 lb. pupil was!
 I GAINED 60 LBS. of MIGHTY MUSCLES!
 I added 3 1/2 INCHES to each ARM, I added 4 inches to my CHEST . . . and to the rest of my body in BALANCED PROPORTION.
 I won \$100.
 YOU can do and win everything John Sill did

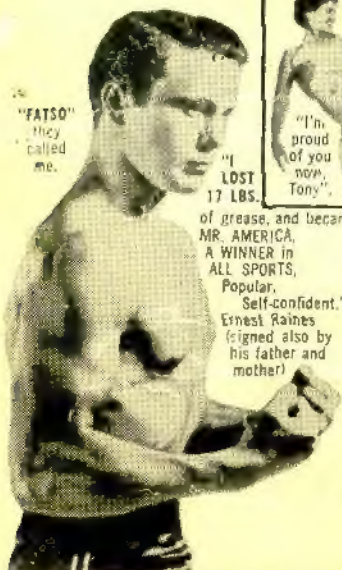
I won this 15 INCH TALL SILVER TROPHY.
 I won a GOLD MEDAL. John Sill

THIS IS AN ACTUAL PHOTO of YOUR TRAINER, George F. Jowett, taken after a record-breaking event, wearing some of his WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS and MEDALS honoring him as "WORLD'S BEST BODY BUILDER." 4 TIMES WINNER of WORLD'S STRONGEST and MOST PERFECTLY DEVELOPED MAN.

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"I'm proud of you now, Tony."

Tony Pascarella

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I'm checking everything I need to give me the kind of body I want:

- ☐ I want to gain _____ lbs. (fill-in).
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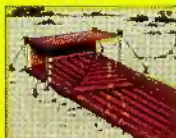
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